

including the provision of food to people in low-income communities and the development of new markets in low-income communities for agricultural producers; or

(B) job training and business development activities for food-related activities in low-income communities;

(2) demonstrate competency to implement a project, provide fiscal accountability, collect data, and prepare reports and other necessary documentation; and

(3) demonstrate a willingness to share information with researchers, practitioners, and other interested parties.

**(d) Preference for certain projects**

In selecting community food projects to receive assistance under subsection (b) of this section, the Secretary shall give a preference to projects designed to—

(1) develop linkages between 2 or more sectors of the food system;

(2) support the development of entrepreneurial projects;

(3) develop innovative linkages between the for-profit and nonprofit food sectors; or

(4) encourage long-term planning activities and multi-system, interagency approaches.

**(e) Matching funds requirements**

**(1) Requirements**

The Federal share of the cost of establishing or carrying out a community food project that receives assistance under subsection (b) of this section may not exceed 50 percent of the cost of the project during the term of the grant.

**(2) Calculation**

In providing for the non-Federal share of the cost of carrying out a community food project, the entity receiving the grant shall provide for the share through a payment in cash or in kind, fairly evaluated, including facilities, equipment, or services.

**(3) Sources**

An entity may provide for the non-Federal share through State government, local government, or private sources.

**(f) Term of grant**

**(1) Single grant**

A community food project may be supported by only a single grant under subsection (b) of this section.

**(2) Term**

The term of a grant under subsection (b) of this section may not exceed 3 years.

**(g) Technical assistance and related information**

**(1) Technical assistance**

In carrying out this section, the Secretary may provide technical assistance regarding community food projects, processes, and development to an entity seeking the assistance.

**(2) Sharing information**

**(A) In general**

The Secretary may provide for the sharing of information concerning community food projects and issues among and between gov-

ernment, private for-profit and nonprofit groups, and the public through publications, conferences, and other appropriate forums.

**(B) Other interested parties**

The Secretary may share information concerning community food projects with researchers, practitioners, and other interested parties.

**(h) Evaluation**

**(1) In general**

The Secretary shall provide for the evaluation of the success of community food projects supported using funds under this section.

**(2) Report**

Not later than January 30, 2002, the Secretary shall submit a report to Congress regarding the results of the evaluation.

(Pub. L. 88-525, §25, as added Pub. L. 104-127, title IV, §401(h), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1027.)

**§ 2035. Simplified Food Stamp Program**

**(a) “Federal costs” defined**

In this section, the term “Federal costs” does not include any Federal costs incurred under section 2026 of this title.

**(b) Election**

Subject to subsection (d) of this section, a State may elect to carry out a Simplified Food Stamp Program (referred to in this section as a “Program”), statewide or in a political subdivision of the State, in accordance with this section.

**(c) Operation of Program**

If a State elects to carry out a Program, within the State or a political subdivision of the State—

(1) a household in which no members receive assistance under a State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) may not participate in the Program;

(2) a household in which all members receive assistance under a State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) shall automatically be eligible to participate in the Program;

(3) if approved by the Secretary, a household in which 1 or more members but not all members receive assistance under a State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) may be eligible to participate in the Program; and

(4) subject to subsection (f) of this section, benefits under the Program shall be determined under rules and procedures established by the State under—

(A) a State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.);

(B) the food stamp program; or

(C) a combination of a State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) and the food stamp program.

**(d) Approval of Program**

**(1) State plan**

A State agency may not operate a Program unless the Secretary approves a State plan for

the operation of the Program under paragraph (2).

**(2) Approval of plan**

The Secretary shall approve any State plan to carry out a Program if the Secretary determines that the plan—

(A) complies with this section; and

(B) contains sufficient documentation that the plan will not increase Federal costs for any fiscal year.

**(e) Increased Federal costs**

**(1) Determination**

**(A) In general**

The Secretary shall determine whether a Program being carried out by a State agency is increasing Federal costs under this chapter.

**(B) No excluded households**

In making a determination under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall not require the State agency to collect or report any information on households not included in the Program.

**(C) Alternative accounting periods**

The Secretary may approve the request of a State agency to apply alternative accounting periods to determine if Federal costs do not exceed the Federal costs had the State agency not elected to carry out the Program.

**(2) Notification**

If the Secretary determines that the Program has increased Federal costs under this chapter for any fiscal year or any portion of any fiscal year, the Secretary shall notify the State not later than 30 days after the Secretary makes the determination under paragraph (1).

**(3) Enforcement**

**(A) Corrective action**

Not later than 90 days after the date of a notification under paragraph (2), the State shall submit a plan for approval by the Secretary for prompt corrective action that is designed to prevent the Program from increasing Federal costs under this chapter.

**(B) Termination**

If the State does not submit a plan under subparagraph (A) or carry out a plan approved by the Secretary, the Secretary shall terminate the approval of the State agency operating the Program and the State agency shall be ineligible to operate a future Program.

**(f) Rules and procedures**

**(1) In general**

In operating a Program, a State or political subdivision of a State may follow the rules and procedures established by the State or political subdivision under a State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) or under the food stamp program.

**(2) Standardized deductions**

In operating a Program, a State or political subdivision of a State may standardize the de-

ductions provided under section 2014(e) of this title. In developing the standardized deduction, the State shall consider the work expenses, dependent care costs, and shelter costs of participating households.

**(3) Requirements**

In operating a Program, a State or political subdivision shall comply with the requirements of—

(A) subsections (a) through (g) of section 2016 of this title;

(B) section 2017(a) of this title (except that the income of a household may be determined under a State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.));

(C) subsection<sup>1</sup> (b) and (d) of section 2017 of this title;

(D) subsections (a), (c), (d), and (n) of section 2020 of this title;

(E) paragraphs (8), (12), (16), (18), (20), (24), and (25) of section 2020(e) of this title;

(F) section 2020(e)(10) of this title (or a comparable requirement established by the State under a State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.)); and

(G) section 2025 of this title.

**(4) Limitation on eligibility**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a household may not receive benefits under this section as a result of the eligibility of the household under a State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.), unless the Secretary determines that any household with income above 130 percent of the poverty guidelines is not eligible for the program.

(Pub. L. 88-525, §26, as added Pub. L. 104-193, title VIII, §854(a), Aug. 22, 1996, 110 Stat. 2340.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Social Security Act, referred to in subsecs. (c) and (f), is act Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, 49 Stat. 620, as amended. Part A of title IV of the Act is classified generally to part A (§601 et seq.) of subchapter IV of chapter 7 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 1305 of Title 42 and Tables.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 2016, 2020, 2026 of this title.

**§ 2036. Availability of commodities for emergency food assistance program**

**(a) Purchase of commodities**

From amounts made available to carry out this chapter, for each of fiscal years 1997 through 2002, the Secretary shall purchase \$100,000,000 of a variety of nutritious and useful commodities of the types that the Secretary has the authority to acquire through the Commodity Credit Corporation or under section 612c of this title and distribute the commodities to States for distribution in accordance with section 7515 of this title.

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be "subsections".